

CONFERENCE NOTES, DIVINE HEALING AND RETURN HOME.

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Occasions like that of National Conference cannot fail to leave impressions. I have now attended the last three National Conferences of the Brethren church. From the time of her organization or reconstruction, I have been with the Brethren heart and soul. I can therefore write from personal experience.

In August 1892, as soldiers from the battle-field we met from far and near. Five years or more, had passed since our last National meeting. Many were the conflicts and toils of life we encountered. The time was ripe for such a meeting. In these five years the church had grown beyond our expectation. From various elements and different nationalities, in the Brethren church for the first time in five long years we met to confer together, balance up and talk of future prospects and more fully arrange to meet the wants of the church in the world. We were not then acquainted as we are now; we did not understand each other and therefore lacked many advantages. Our acquaintance and experience together with the work done in '92 followed the additional advantages of '93 at Warsaw, Ind., together with the progress and development of the church and her work in different ways including the place of meeting, we could but reasonably hope for a good time in 1894.

Ashland—the place of conference was wisely chosen. A better place could not well have been selected. Our brethren at Ashland and the people in general, deserve much credit for their kind treatment. The College Chapel though large was none too large as the general attendance was far beyond that of any former meeting of the kind held by our people. It was in every way all we could wish. All other rooms for committees and other sessions held at the same time were a great convenience.

The boarding hall was also a convenience we could have no where else. Here we found probably about 50 rooms furnished which were a great accommodation to delegates and others. Then there was the basement besides with loaded tables about three times a day under the management of Sister Garst which proved to be to us more than mere convenience.

Another reason why the place was well chosen. Our people could see Ashland University with all there is to it. It is doubtless as fine a location as could be found anywhere. The mammoth structures substantially built need only be seen to commend themselves. I am not now surprised that our brethren worked so hard to save the

University. Our Brotherhood is too poor to lose it. We need it and the remaining seven thousand dollars is a small indebtedness on so large a property.

Some good brother or sister could make no better deposit in the bank of heaven than lift the present incumbrance from the college. I have no doubt this will be done, if not by one by a number of good men and women. Who shall it be? Those who have the means, and can live without may ask themselves the question, shall it be me? What is my share, and act accordingly. If you ever expect to put any of your money into an educational institution you can do well to place it in our school at Ashland.

Conference of 1893 although not so largely attended did some excellent work in different ways to sustain and carry forward the work of '92. And for good reasons also arranged for another Conference at Ashland 1894, which proved to be, in my judgment, the pleasantest as also the most successful conference I have ever attended. The more thoroughly and systematically we are organized for Christian work, the more pleasant as well as successful will our church work be in every way. It is an easy matter, some times, to criticise but time and circumstances prove what is best. Some things done two years ago at Warsaw, were questioned and criticised which experience shows, with a little alteration, were the very things needed as could be seen at last conference. A number of our good brethren and sisters thought a conference annually was needless. The last conference with the manifest progress of the church in the last two years to my mind prove conclusively, that for the present, we need them annually.

The social feature alone is of untold value. It is like a family reunion. It unifies the church for delegates to bow around the same congregational altar and talk together of the congregations they represent cannot fail to unite us more closely, "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

OVER SUNDAY IN CHICAGO.

I left Ashland for Chicago, Aug. 31st, to spend a few days with Dr. Dowie in the Divine Healing Home to see and hear for myself the wonderful things I was told and read about. Now some may ask what did you see and hear, and what do you think of it. I answer, time and space forbid me to write it out. If any one is not satisfied that God heals people now as when Christ was here in the flesh and as in the apostolic age, go to the Divine Healing Home, 6020 Edgerton Ave., Chicago and see for yourself. Or subscribe for Leaves of Healing, a paper edited and published by John Alex. Dowie, 6100 Stony

Island Ave., Chicago, Ill. It will cost you \$2.00 per year. And if you believe half what you read, you will be convinced God heals now. "Because I have seen I believe blessed are they who see not and yet believe."

FROM CHICAGO HOME.

I left on Monday, Sept. 3rd. Preached at Milledgeville, Ill., Tuesday evening the 4th. Lanark, Ill., Wednesday evening, Thursday evening at Brooklyn, Ia., and Friday evening the 7th at Hudson. Spent Saturday in Waterloo and reached home Sunday morning at 12:30; found all well thank God. So ended one of the pleasantest trips of my life. I never received kinder treatment from all whom I met than on this trip. I was perfectly at home everywhere. To say I have been spiritually refreshed is putting it mildly.

No former trip has given me such perfect satisfaction. "Glory to God in the highest." We shall soon reap if we faint not. God blessed forever more, amen.

To the Brotherhood at large N. B. I will be at liberty soon after Oct. 1st, '94 and will receive calls for revival work or other engagement if suited.

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RESPONSE TO BRO. HARRISON'S FAREWELL.

There are several points in the Farewell Address to Ashland, by Bro. Harrison that merits approval.

He came here as a Christian and left as a Christian. This is an unusual experience in the relation we have sustained with some who have come in the name of the church, and lived in the relation of master and servant to the brethren at Ashland. Let all truth and untruth be said about Ashland and her brethren that may be, the fact is everlasting that any honorable, honest man who has ever been here has been treated honorably and christian. We have suffered more from false men than any other body of the church, and every individual who has left here to curse the people left behind had a screw loose somewhere. The situation al-

ways has been and is now about the most trying a Christian can enter, and if there is a tiger hid in his nature, he will be revealed in all his ugliness before he leaves.

In the relation that Ashland brethren have sustained to the general church in the past, they have always been true, and guileless, and any statement to the contrary comes from a liar. We are not schemers and wire-pullers, nor any thing of the sort. The only charge that can be made is for misrepresentation; and that was due to the failure of others to live up to their promises on legal papers and the rash changes made